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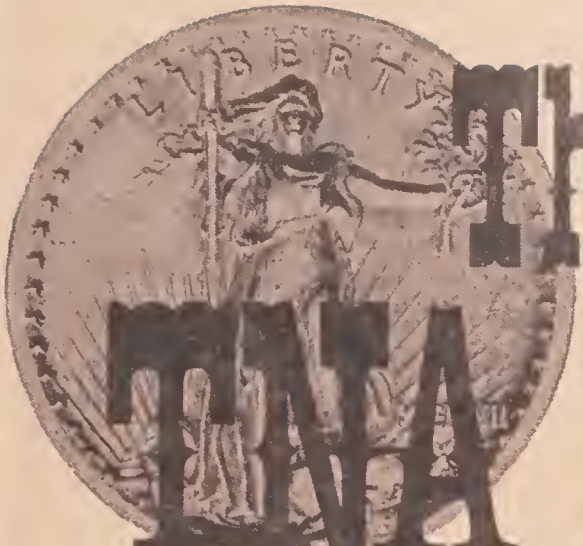

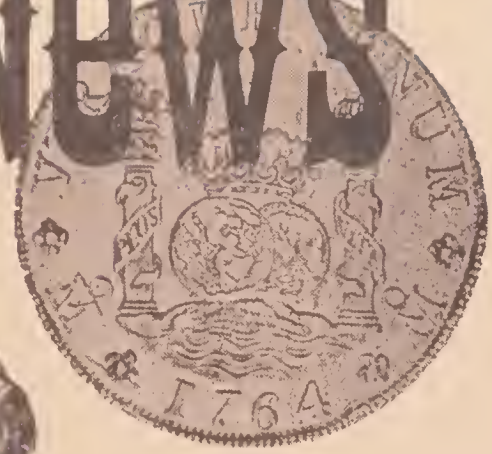

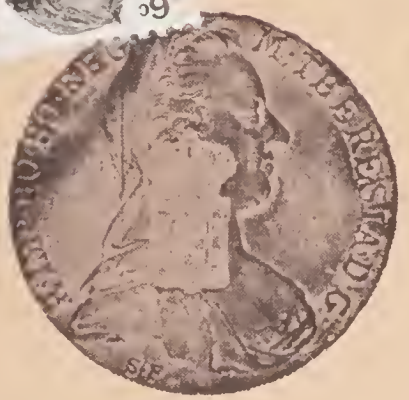

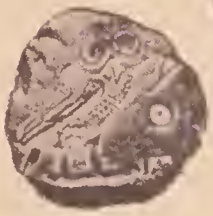

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ATTENTION ALL T. N. A. JUNIOR MEMBERS. In the July issue of TNA News, Mary Jane Whyborn, T. N. A. youth program chairman, asked each of you to drop her a line in regard to your interests in T. N. A. and numismatics. I hope that each of you have done this. The programs that she will be having for you can only be successful if you pitch in and help. These programs are for you as junior members. Let her know now what kind of programs you think will benefit you as a numismatist.

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My personal thanks to the clubs over the state that have made me an honorary member of their club. This is one of the things that makes my job worthwhile. I wish that I could visit every club in the state but working for the other fellow makes this impossible.

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If your club needs something for a program, don't forget the slide sets that are in the T. N. A. Memorial Library. Drop a card to Wally Gilmore, Librarian. Wally will see that you get your slides on time for your meeting, if you give him sufficient notice. Also the T. N. A. library is growing and probably has just the book you've been looking for. Use the library, it belongs to you.

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The T. N. A. Board will be meeting in Austin this month during the Austin Coin Club Money Mart. If any of you have anything to bring before the Board let me know. Remember, you are part of a growing organization, it's up to you how big it grows.

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PROFIT EXISTS IN COLLECTING

By BRAD MILLS
Dallas Morning News

Coin Collectors are as different in their tastes as other people, yet we frequently wonder how the real numismatist and the accumulator got so crossed up. The casual collector keeps asking how he can use the hobby as a miniature stock market for profit, while our old numismatist friends won't let us off the hook to recommend coins for future enhancement. It was only a few weeks ago that we lightly discussed this subject and probably leaned a bit too strongly toward the speculative influence that has been rampant in coin collecting for several years. Our simon-pure friends call to advise us that no coin columnist should even suggest the hobby as one devoted to making money.

But we must face the facts. About half of all United States collectors are hard buyers and hard sellers. Meaning that the numismatic aspect must step aside to make way for the speculator and dabbler who seems here to stay. Complete coin sets and rare coins bought to be held as permanent collections are still popular, but we must confront the fact that the glamor issues - golds, silver dollars and proof sets - have entered both the collector and speculative ranks. This column is caught in a squeeze between the right and the left of the collecting group, a fact that causes us to recommend that all hobbyists who collect, dabble, speculate or invest, just go on about your business. Some people raise tomatoes and flowers as a hobby; others raise them to sell.

Overgrading of the early rare U.S. type coins by sellers has brought on a storm of protest from mail purchasers who usually return such items for refund. The gradual lowering of grading values in many quarters has centered around rare coins that should be graded by very strict standards, not by loose methods calculated to mislead the purchaser. The old rule held to the belief that, "The rarer the coin, the closer the grading."

Currently many old U.S. coins, such as large cents, dollars and gold, are grossly overgraded as a matter of habit with sellers who should know better. Some sellers will describe a rare, old coin as, "Very fine for this coin," when in reality they are apologizing for the overgrading error. Every flaw should be mentioned when advertising for sale all rare coins. The value of a certain rarity may vary as much as $2,000 from one grade to another, while a difference of $100 is common. Frequently a nice circulated specimen may sell for only a small fraction of the amount an uncirculated specimen will bring.

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Now's The Time To Start Exhibit Plan For '70 TNA

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You should write Virgil Hancock, Box 936, Bellaire, Tex. 77401, and reserve your exhibit space as soon as possible.

Scoring will be the same as for the 1968 and 1969 conventions. If you don't have a copy of the judges' scoring sheet, ask for one when you write. Keep in mind that, out of 100 possible points, your exhibit can capture 35 points just for numismatic information. All exhibits will be judged on numismatic information by a single judge who will judge only as to a display's numismatic information.

Another 30 points may be won for originality and arrangement. As at San Antonio in 1968 and in Fort Worth in 1969, all the 1970 exhibits will be judged on originality and arrangement by a professional display artist.

As to the three factors comprising completeness (15 possible points), condition (10 points maximum), and rarity (another possible 10 points), all ancients will be judged on just those three factors by an expert on ancient coinage. A Latin American specialist will judge those factors for all the Lation American displays. And so on for each of the other groups of exhibits, such as paper money expert for paper exhibits.

Among the non-competitive exhibits will be the Swedish exhibit of Svenska Handelsbanken of Stockholm, and an exhibit of choice pieces from the Banco de Mexico museum. Arrangements for the Swedish exhibit were made while it was on display at the United States mint in Philadelphia. Negotiations for the Banco de Mexico exhibit were started last February at the time Virgil Hancock took part in the counterfeit conference in Mexico City, thanks to Charles Hale, president of La Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico.

Besides the best in show award and the six most outstanding, the six superior, and six meritorious awards for competitive exhibits, there will be a best junior award, a best novice award, (for the best display by an exhibitor who never before has displayed competitively at any coin show) and a best club exhibit award (for the best display prepared as a joint effort by a coin club).

A special award will be the Harvey Bruns award for the best exhibit of Mexican coins. The winner of the Harvey Bruns award is, of course, eligible also for any of the regular awards including best in show.

Start early, and work late, and you may take home that best in show prize!

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JUNIOR READIN' ROUNDUP

By MARY JANE WHYBORN
San Antonio, Texas
Youth Chairman

Well, my vacation is over for this year and yours will be, too, before long. I am sorry to report that attendance, both adult and junior, is down in all California clubs. On the other hand, it is encouraging to see that those still attending are real collectors and not the speculators who were prominent for so long.

I did have one experience during my vacation that will remain with me forever. It was such an exciting and inspiring event that I want to share it with you, especially as it concerns a junior collector.

The largest group of juniors I saw at a single meeting during my vacation was in Covina, Calif. Among these was a sixteen-year-old Filipino boy named Davyd Pepito. Davyd and his father never miss a meeting, and it was from his father that I learned all about Davyd.

As I said, Davyd is sixteen, although to look at him you would not think he was more than twelve. It is difficult to believe that he even survived the early years of his life. He was born with an enlarged thymus gland (successfully restored to its normal size by radium treatments), a broken collar bone, and a broken back. He managed to recover from all these, but soon developed chronic asthma. Breathing became so difficult that he never laid down and slept only in his mother's arms. In spite of all this, by age five he was able to do complex math problems in his head even faster than a teacher could work them with paper and pencil. It was at this time that he contracted spinal meningitis. Once again, he recovered!

Davyd has now read 12,000 books, and that does not include newspapers or magazines. He has an I. Q. of 160 plus, attends school only four hours each day, and maintains an "A-plus" average. Davyd is self-supporting and insists on paying his mother $50 each month for room and board. He owns 10% of his father's sign business and helps his father make signs. He made signs for the Coin-O-Rama in Pomona, Calif. in June. Davyd learned the piano keyboard in a single one-hour lesson and now teaches other children in his neighborhood. He missed his first coin club meeting in June, when he was the guest of honor at a piano concert in Los Angeles. Although he has been playing for only a few months, he will soon be able to give his own concerts. Davyd is an avid coin collector, owns approximately 10,000 numismatic items, and especially enjoys the club auctions.

I know you will agree with me that Davyd is a most remarkable young man. His accomplishments are outstanding in anyone's book; but,—in Davyd's particular case, they're unbelievable. You see, the spinal meningitis he survived at age 5 left him totally blind and totally deaf. Davyd and his father are inseparable, communicate with each other very easily, and enjoy a relationship that any father and son could envy.

Davyd learned to typewrite in one week and Braille-write in two. He loves to write to famous people all over the world and has received answers to all his letters, even from such regal personages as Queen Elizabeth II.

Davyd owns the only known copy of the coin collector's basic guide, R. S. Yeman's "Red Book in Braille. He received the permission of the

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NEWS ROUNDUP – A.N.A.

By NORMA MATHER
Corpus Christi, Texas
A.N.A. Representative

And now - another topical collection to build - Man on the Moon! Isn't it exciting? One can't even guess how many countries and companies will be represented but what a challenge, and what a feat it commemorates! As you collect, or even if you don't, we bespeak your continuing prayers that that "one small step for man" will prove to be a significant step toward "--- on earth, Peace." Surely, we've had a dramatic minimizing of distances, haven't we?

As this copy is being written your ANA District Representative, your TNA club representative to ANA, is planning to attend the 78th convention of ANA in Philadelphia, August 12-16 and hoping to see many of you. It won't be the same for me as the past six conventions - George, who enjoyed the hobby and the fellowship so much, will be there only in spirit, as will others we'd come to anticipate seeing. There will still be wonderful people, imaginative and enlightening exhibits, a very interesting educational forum, district and club representatives meetings for exchange of ideas, three ANA business sessions with new officers and governors taking charge, awards presentations where I'll be so proud of Texans, and all those extra-curricular activities like the new mint opening, the ladies luncheon, the Federal Reserve Bank and city tours, the garden trip and harbor cruise, etc., culminating in the banquet Saturday night.

Coverage of the convention by the numismatic press will doubtless be full. I urge you to read all you can so that you will know what your organ is doing. You're not an ANA member? Oh, what you are missing! Do let me send you a membership application if you're not affiliated with an ANA member club. If you are, have the club's ANA representative sign your application and send it in to receive $1 credit for the club for enlisting you as a new ANA member, as clarified in the July **Club Bulletin.**

Have you a suggestion for the good of the hobby that you would like presented to ANA or a question you'd like to have asked? It is my privilege to represent you, if you do, and I would like to hear from you.

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"The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention."—Duquet

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JUNIOR READING—

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Whitman Publishing Company to transcribe it, and the transcription is his own.

Handicapped or not, we can all learn a lesson from Davyd. His own words tell it best: "Most young people are interested only in what they can see with their eyes. My eyes do not see, but I can see twice as much, for I see with my hands and my heart."

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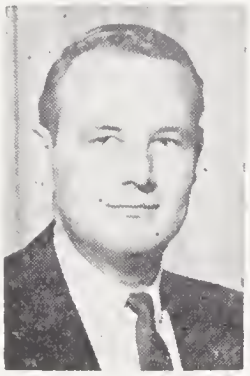

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The obverse of the medal carries a profile portrait of the President. Above and around the border in the inscription, "President of the United States," and to the left of the bust,

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MIRIAM GILMORE

THE UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIR

EDITOR

Ruby Threlkeld, former T. N. A. historian, writes that an old habit is hard to break. "Each time my new coin publications arrive I find myself looking over each page for news or pictures of events in Texas. After doing this for so many years for T. N. A. and two coin clubs it is a natural habit. I hope all the district governors and club presidents will be sure and remember to send their publicity for the T. N. A. history book to Mary Earwood. She will need the help of everyone to have a full book. . . ."

Plans to issue and sell a medal commemorating the discovery of Corpus Christi Bay 450 years ago have been announced by the Gulf Coast Botanical and Zoological Society. Design sketches of the medal now are being accepted for competitive judging by the society. Plans are also being made to premiere the medal at the Liberty Coin Club's annual show to be held in Corpus Christi October 18-19, Memorial Coliseum . . . . .

The 5th edition of **Brown and Dunn Guide to the Grading of U.S. Coins** has been released by Western Publishing Co., Inc. of Racine Wisc. Before the advent of the B & D system, grading coins was mostly a matter of opinion. The standards listed are now accepted by all collectors and dealers, and use of the word descriptions and clear illustrations now makes the grading of coins an easy task. . . . .

Other books recently released by Western are the third edition of **Whitman's Current Coins of the World** by R. S. Yeoman; the 1970 edition of Charlton's **Canadian Coin Catalog** and **Let's Collect Coins**, just hot off the press. This book answers a thousand questions for new collectors. It also contains up to the minute wholesale prices on all U.S. premium coins. . . .

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NOVEMBER 8-9

GRAND PRAIRIE COIN CLUB annual show. Write M. A. Swaim, Box 774, Grand Prairie 75050.

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NOVEMBER 9

LAMB COUNTY COIN CLUB Fall show, Community Center Littlefield. Write: Hazel Sharp, Sec., Box 307, Littlefield, Tex. 79339.

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NOVEMBER 29-30

KEY CITY COIN CLUB annual

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A NUMISMATIC PROFILE — Bea Howard does the publicity chore . . . and does it mighty well . . . for the Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club. Bea is a dependable gal on whom TNA News always can count for the news from Wichita Falls. (Ye Ed wishes all the other T. N. A. chapter clubs were as regular contributors. As far as receiving any news item from some of the T. N. A. clubs, we'd never know those clubs were in existence!) Besides cooking up publicity, Bea cooks up a mean recipe in her kitchen. A top-flight cook, she has walked away with many a prize for her recipes. Maybe, if Bea could be persuaded to serve some of her goodies at coin club meetings, attendance would skyrocket!

EVENTS CALENDAR —

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show, Sands Motel, Abilene. Gen. Chrm.: D. R. Pratt, 4049 Laurel Dr., Abilene 79603.

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DECEMBER 6-7

HARLINGEN COIN CLUB annual show. Gold Room, Richard's Sun Valley Restaurant. Bourse: Hicks Prescott, Box 1627, Harlingen 78550.

Weekly For Collectors To Make Debut In Fall

A new Texas-based weekly hobby newspaper, COLLECTOR'S WEEKLY, will make its bow nationally in September, it has been announced by Frank B. Knight from the paper's headquarters in Kermit. Knight, T. N. A. member #1435, recently resigned as advertising director of Coin World to start the new venture.

All collectables with major emphasis on the antique area, will be covered by the new tabloid. Coins, china, bottles, barbed wire, classic autos, books, autographs, stamps, dolls, guns, and many other collector interests will be covered by news and advertising in COLLECTOR'S WEEKLY.

Q. David Bowers and Hank Spangenberger, both well known for their numismatic works, will be among the contributors to the magazine. Bowers will write on coin-operated pianos, orchestrions, music boxes, phonographs and other musical items. Spangenberger will write on memorabilia of expositions, including souvenir spoons, books, ribbons, etc.

Persons interested in seeing sample copies of the publication, may secure them by sending their name and address, and the names and addresses of interested friends, to COLLECTOR'S WEEKLY, Box 1119, Kermit, Tex. 79745.

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TEXAS DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT: THREE:

Fred Clark
Governor

Mrs. Faye Stratton was a guest speaker at **Big Spring Coin Club** meeting held in July at John H. Lees Service Club, Webb AFB. Mrs. Stratton, of the First National Bank, gave the program on "How the Bank Takes Care of Their Coins" from the time the bank receives them from the Federal Reserve Bank until they are taken up by the customer.

Thirty members and six guests attended the meeting where it was discussed whether or not to sponsor a coin show during 1969. Decision was tabled until the next meeting. **—Mrs. Dwain Leonard, Reporter.**

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Members of **Key City Coin Club** of Abilene and **Nolan County Coin Club** of Sweetwater planned a joint meeting for July at Taylor Electrict Co-op in Merkel. It was to be a family affair beginning in the afternoon of July 27.

Key City members announced their coin show for November 29-30 at Sands Motel with D. R. Pratt elected as chairman of arrangements.

"Making a Numismatic Scrapbook" was the topic chosen by Buster Caudle for a program. The book displayed contained pictures of coins, articles from newspapers and magazines and also a personal letter from the mint describing the Hemisfair medal emblem. **—Mrs. Barney V. Cross, Corr. Sec.**

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Nolan County Coin Club members met in July at Texas Bank with 17 present. D. R. Pratt spoke on altered coins.

Planned for July also was a joint meeting with Key City Coin Club at Taylor County Electric Co-op in Merkel.

The evening was spent in fellowship with games played and refreshments served. **—Buz Sawyer, T. N. A. Rep.**

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Howard Coleman, Jr. gave a talk on the history of United States gold coins and was presented an A. N. A. Blue Ribbon award. He was also given a special vote of thanks as being the first Junior member of **San Angelo Coin Club** to offer a program. The club met at Town House Motor Hotel in July with 30 in attendance.

Members voted to ask the Boy Scouts to help sell tickets for a gold drawing at the up-coming show in September. They would be paid 25c for each ticket sold, plus 25% of the net profits from the show to be divided among the troops that participate.

T. N. A. Achievement awards were presented by Fred Clark, district 3 governor, to Ellis Brooks, Mickey Rhyne, Carl Fry, Stephen West and Travis Bley for presenting programs in past months. Those bringing displays were A. C. Fry, Ralph Goble and Howard Coleman. **—Lynn Langston, Sec.**

DISTRICT FIVE:

Texomaland Coin Club of Denison and **Grayson County Coin Club** of Sherman, in a coordinated action, agreed to meet once a month effective in August.

The Sherman club will meet on the first Tuesday and Denison club will hold their meetings on the third Friday.

Both clubs purchased 12 red books which they will give as attendance prizes. —**Charles A. Wingo, T. N. A. Rep.**

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DISTRICT SIX:

Plans are underway for hosting a coin show October 11-12 by **Pasadena Coin Club**. The show will be held at Gulfgate Auditorium, Gulfgate Shopping City in Houston.

General chairman is Cecil Warren, Box 1394, Pasadena, Tex. 77501.

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LaMarque Coin Club held only one meeting in July due to the holiday. N. G. Trainer gave the program and his topic was on wood carving.

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scouting and school work. In the past few years, he has carved praying hands, liberty bell, game roosters and other items as gifts to relatives and friends. —**Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

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Since April members of **Galveston County Coin Club** in Texas City have been making plans for a "County Market." It will be held November 1 at Nessler Civic Center located at 5th Ave. North and 21st St. in Texas City.

Among items for sale will be antiques, guns, shells, stamps, rocks, art work, bottles, ceramics, barbed wire and coins. Committees working on the event are Mrs. Christine Richardson, Mrs. Gerry Kelley, Mrs. Ruby Threlkeld, Carl Nessler, Jr. Don Stoltenberg and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ressler.

For tables and other information write Ressler, Box 2161, Texas City, Texas 77590.

Planned for the August meeting was a program on Mexican coins by Carl Nessler, Jr. —**Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

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Members of **Beaumont Coin Club** were to hear reports of the A. N. A. Philadelphia convention at the August meeting.

Plans were also discussed for the September coin show at Ridgewood Motel in Beaumont. Dates are September 13-14. R. K. Beck, Jr. is exhibit chairman and reported a variety of displays for the show.

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DISTRICT SEVEN:

Ray Whyborn
Governor

A joint **Alamo-Gateway Coin Club** meeting was held at Lackland AFB in San Antonio in July. The meeting featured a swap session and exhibit night. First place went to Troy Coan for his display of fractional currency. Second place was awarded to Paul Garner and third to Ray Whyborn. Other exhibitors were John Proctor and Scott McElvain.

Attendance prizes included a gold coin, U.S. proof set, mint sets and an Israel specimen set. Members of both clubs participated in the program which concluded with a 50-lot auction. —**Ray Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 7.**

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A recent meeting of **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio featured a numismatic "White Elephant" auction. All proceeds went to the owners with no commission being charged. Some lots were donated with proceeds go-

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ing to the club.

Alamo club is noted for its unique ideas and interesting programs. The club meets at the rear of Witte Museum on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. All T. N. A. members receive a special welcome. —**Mary Jane Whyborn, Sec.**

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DISTRICT EIGHT:

Plans for the eighth annual coin show sponsored by **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi were furthered at recent meetings. Clarence Davis is general chairman and Mrs. Gladys Robbins is exhibit chairman.

John L. Chisum
Governor

The show will be held October 18-19 at Memorial Coliseum with bourse, exhibits and auction being featured. For information write Davis at Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415.

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Members of **Harlingen Coin Club** will hold their annual coin show in the Gold Room of Richard's Sun Valley Restaurant in Harlingen. Dates selected are December 6-7. Bourse chairman is Hicks Prescott, Box 1627, Harlingen 78550.

Members of the Harlingen Art Forum, also holding membership in Harlingen Coin Club, will take turns every four weeks in exhibiting in the lobby of the First National Bank. Robert O. Bork exhibited first with a display of all the popular types of U.S. coins. —**Clark Dixon, Pres.**

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Eighteen members and five guests attended the July 14 meeting of **Corpus Christi Coin Club** at Gulfway

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The club voted to purchase 31 books for the city library and request that duplicates be purchased by the library for its branches.

Ed Kane told of having sent silver dimes through the mail without insurance, getting back the empty package, then having all but 70c returned by the post office. He urged all to have shipments insured.

Gladys Robbins was presented an ANA Educational Award Certificate and a special Gold Award for having made 10 talks.

Lamar Folda read, and elaborated on from his experience and study, the prepared commentary accompanying the ANA slide set on "United States Currency, 1861 to 1923, Illustrated by $5 Notes." The color slides show the seven general type categories of large size bills.

Second vice president Harral Roberts presided at the July 28 meeting attended by 15 members and four guests.

"Prince Charles - Birth to Investiture" was Sammy Bassous' topic. Basing his report on a brochure sent by a pen pal of one of the members he told of the background and life of the young man through childhood, youth, schooling and experiences to investiture, then listed the steps in that ceremony. He said Charles was the 11th Prince of Wales. Then followed a brief history of Caernarvan Castle, description of the Prince's coat of arms, comments on the not-too-impressive commemorative medal and the beautiful stamps shown on a first day cover. —**Norma Mather, Sec.**

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Members of **Port Isabel Coin Club** have changed the date of their second annual bourse due to a conflict with **Austin Coin Club's** Money Mart. The

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new date is September 21 and the place is the Sea Island Motor Hotel on South Padre Island.

For information and bourse reservations contact Lucky and Doris Drachenberg, Box 1265, Raymondville 78580.

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The Elks Lodge in Kingsville will be the scene for a one-day show to be hosted by **Kingsville Coin Club** and the date is November 2.

Doris and Lucky Drachenberg are in charge of bourse and may be reached at Box 1265, Raymondville 78580.

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DISTRICT NINE:

D. O. Joplin
Governor

Acquiring a club numismatic library was the topic for discussion by members of **Levelland Coin & Stamp Club** at the July meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce building. Present were 15 members and two guests.

Action on the club library was to be studied and recommendations to be made at the next meeting.

Alton Logsdon spoke to the group on the history of the Onepapa currency. **—D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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Earnest Mills was elected program chairman for **Lamb County Coin Club** at the meeting held in July at the Reddy Room in Littlefield. Plans were also discussed for the November 9 coin show to be held at the Community Center.

The evening's program consisted of slides from the T. N. A. Memorial Library entitled U.S. Paper Money 1861-1923 shown by Gayle Mills and narrated by Larry Sanderson. **—Hazel Sharp, Sec.**

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Don Cross gave a discussion and display on ancient coins at the regular meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** in Lubbock. There were 20 members and two visitors present.

The club meeting was held at Municipal Garden & Arts Center. **—D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

Wm. Rust
Governor

Selected slides from the collection of Jay O. Henson on American scenery appropriate for future commemorative coins and stamps was the highlight of the recent meeting of **Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club.** Henson narrated the discussion.

The club met at the Y.M.C.A. with 35 members and guests attending. **Mrs. G. M. Howard, Reporter.**

NIXON MEDAL —

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"Richard Milhouse Nixon."

The reverse side has an adaptation of the Seal of the President of the United States within a wreath of 50 stars. Below the seal is the inscription: "Inaugurated January 20, 1969 - a new day for America - a new dawn for peace and freedom in the world - Richard M. Nixion."

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RIGHT & WRONG WAY TO EXHIBIT

By GLADYS ROBBINS
Corpus Christi, Texas

The right and wrong way to exhibit coins was effectively portrayed at Liberty Coin Club meeting in Corpus Christi April 29. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robbins, making a noisy entrance from the rear, came to make a last minute exhibit of Canadian Coins. They had promised the exhibit chairman, they said, and the show was the next day!

The exhibit consisted of coins, medals and tokens, was cluttered, and the coins were left in two by twos. The poster, a limp white posterboard was lettered hastily "Canadain Coins," the misspelled word easily pointed out by the juniors in the audience. The numismatic information rambled on and an about the country of Canada, its geography, history, industry, etc., and it was later pointed out that this was NOT numismatic information at all. While many of the coins were proof, most of them uncirculated, and almost a complete type set plus several extra proof dollars for good luck, they were not organized in sequence in the case. The addition of the tokens and medals outlawed the title of "coins." But as Bob pointed out, the exhibit chairman had let slip that there was no other exhibit in that particular category, so they couldn't help getting a first place. Gladys, wearing a ridiculous hat with two robbins and a flower wobbling with each movement ended with " . . . . and if those judges think Helen's exhibit is better than mine - they are sure going to hear from me!"

Next, Ray von Rosenberg, looking at his coins, mused aloud, "If Miss Liberty could only talk, I wonder what she would have to say." With that, Miss Liberty, portrayed by Helen Floerke, resplendent in a red tablecloth shawl, came on to give much of the history, not only of our Miss Liberty, on U.S. Coins beginning with the 1792 cent, but on through to the Peace dollar. She pointed out she did not altogether approve of the stringy hair they had depicted on some of the early coins. The dialogue, which Ray had found in a magazine, brought out that the U.S. was not the only country, nor the first, to use Miss Liberty, that she was a Greek goddess, Helvetia, Brittania, and many, many others, but in escence to all people everywhere, the spirit of freedom or liberty.

These two, who have won so many best in show awards with their superb exhibit technique; then put together two cases of the U.S. liberty type coins. They described the materials they used and took the audience step by step to the finished exhibit. They pointed out that you never knew what you would be asked to do next by Liberty club, that Gladys had asked them to exhibit using the title, "Liberty" two weeks before, and they had enjoyed doing the exhibit so much they were going to exhibit it next fall at Austin Money Mart, then at Liberty Coin show, October 18-19.

The exhibit program was presented to interest the new members and hopefully inspire more of the old members to exhibit at the Fall show. Gladys, who has been named exhibit chairman by Show Chairman Clarence Davis, is hoping that many new exhibits will be worked up in the months ahead.

COIN GRADING

By "The Money Man"
Dallas Times Herald

Ingrading the condition of your coins, learn what to look for on each coin.

On the Lincoln cent, check first the wheat head on the reverse. The sharper the lines, the better the condition. Next examine the ear on the obverse.

On the Buffalo nickel, the word **LIBERTY** should be separated from the rim. Rim should be intact. On reverse, check the buffalo's horn. A full horn is most desirable.

On the Jefferson nickel watch for condition of cheekbone, hairlines and eyebrow. On reverse, the window in Monticello should be visible.

In judging the Mercury dime first the fasces on reverse. Sharp defined sticks and diagonal bands indicates the best condition. Hair braids should show.

On the Roosevelt dime watch for lines on the torch, both vertical and horizontal. Hair lines should show.

These are just a few of the more important things to look for. There are many more with which you will become familiar through study and comparison. You can't spend too much time studying.

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